
PROPOSED FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Finding: Hazardous fuels exist on slopes greater than 30%. Technologies other than hand removal exist to treat these hazardous fuels.

Background and Supporting Evidence: Steep slopes within the Tahoe Basin have forest conditions similar to those in areas of planned treatment. If steep slopes are not treated, the untreated fuels will act as wicks during a wildfire potentially endangering lives, property and the environment at Lake Tahoe. Technologies exist to treat fuels on steep slopes with methods other than hand removal. BMP's are in existence to minimize impacts as a result of the use of mechanical equipment to treat all diameters of hazardous fuels.

Recommendation(s)

Allow the use of mechanical equipment on slopes greater than 30% to reduce existing hazardous fuels.

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Funding source
- ☐ Staffing
- ☐ Existing regulations and/or laws

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Operational
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Health and Safety
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Interagency